

# Message from the Leader of Green Party Korea



Founded in 2012, the Green Party Korea has been raising important questions to the Korean society through its existence. What is politics and what are political parties? What does it mean to live a happy and just life? What society and values should we strive for?

These questions ultimately yield the vision that elite minority should no longer monopolize power, that power needs to be distributed to those who previously faced discrimination and that we should all "live with one another". I believe our Green Party members' efforts will turn this vision into reality.

Juon Kim

# Promise to Create a Culture of Equality

- 1** We are all equal constituents of the Green Party Korea, regardless of our age, gender, sexual orientation, sexual identity, disabilities, nationality, birthplace, family and marital status.
- 2** All Party members will exercise mutual respect and pursue horizontal relationships.
- 3** Incidents that undermine this culture of equality within the Party will be brought to everyone's attention and be resolved communally, not solely by those involved.
- 4** All forms of communication between the Party members should be done in honorific language.
- 5** Expressions, statements, words and behaviors that reinforce ageism and prejudice against gender, sexual orientation and sexual identity are to be avoided.
- 6** Unwanted physical contact should be avoided.
- 7** Party members will steer clear of making statements regarding body image and physical appearances.
- 8** No hate speech against minority groups should be made and Party members shall object to such hate speech.
- 9** It will be recognized that romantic relationships and marriages are personal choices, not obligations.
- 10** When objected to, all members must stop all behaviors that harm the culture of equality.
- 11** Persons in charge of events of the Party are to warn and restrain hate speech against minority groups.
- 12** Persons in charge of events of the Party should strive to provide equal opportunity for all participants to take part.

# What has the Green Party Korea done so far? Achievements of Green Party Korea

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# History of Green Party Korea

## 2011

On October 30, the Preparatory Committee to build Green Party Korea was first met

## 2012

On March 4, the inaugural party conference held

In April, put forward five candidates for the National Assembly election, representing issues such as nuclear power phase-out, agriculture and safety

Gained about 100,000 votes (0.48% of total votes) and consequently lost its status as a political party, due to the Korean election law that disbands a party with less than 2% of total votes and forces the disbanded party to come up with a new name (Political Parties Act, Article 41.4) — re-registered as "Green Party Plus" in October

## 2014

In January, Political Parties Act, Article 41.4 was ruled unconstitutional — allowed to use the name, "Green Party" again

Responded aggressively to emerging social issues – opposed to building transmission tower in Miryang, advocated establishment of animal protection law and fought for amendments to strengthen radiation safety standards for school meals

Participated in local elections for the first time — put forward 23 candidates but gained 0.75% of all votes (11 running for the district, 12 on the closed party list)

## 2016

Put forward 10 candidates for the National Assembly election, the second legislative election for Green Party Korea — gained 0.76% of all votes

In November, party membership surpassed 10,000 — Green Party Korea now has a reputation as a party that achieved growth even without its purposive organizing efforts

# What we have done

- Used the Korean-equivalent of Freedom of Information Act to further elevate concerns and suspicions on what the Blue House and the President was doing for 7 hours on the day of the Sewol Ferry Disaster.

- Filed a constitutional appeal challenging Public Official Election Act Articles 56 and 79 that required every candidate that a political party put forward to deposit the money of 15 million Wons (US \$15,000), creating an uneven political playing field — the Articles were later ruled unconstitutional

- Exposed realities of particulate matters (PM) in Korea and raised policy proposals to phase out coal and restrict petrol-powered automobiles

- Condemned the government's decision to install THAAD and advocated non-violence in Korean peninsula

- Created a road map for unconditional and universal basic income for Korean citizens

- Established local ordinance on radiation safety standards on school meals

- Opposed to a wide range of destructive development plans, including the plan to install cable cars in Mt. Seorak, which was ultimately thrown out!

- Became the first participant to recall the elected governor Hong Jun-pyo of South Gyeongsang Province

- Participated in ceremonies to mourn the death of farmer Baek Nam-gi, who died of state violence, while taking part in other events to condemn state violence

- Participated in nation-wide candlelight protests, calling for impeachment of the President Park Geun-hye

- Korean Contingent Workers' Center evaluated Green Party Korea's policy proposal on temporary workers' rights as "exceptional"

- Exposed the harms of artificial grass surface in schools, creating a trend of demolition

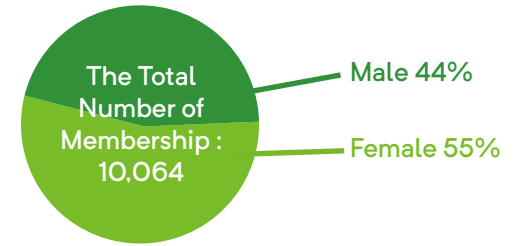
- Called for nuclear power phase-out on the streets — organized more than 100 weekly speaking events on Thursdays

- Advocated nuclear power phase-out legislations and presented alternative scenarios to meet the energy demand without nuclear plants

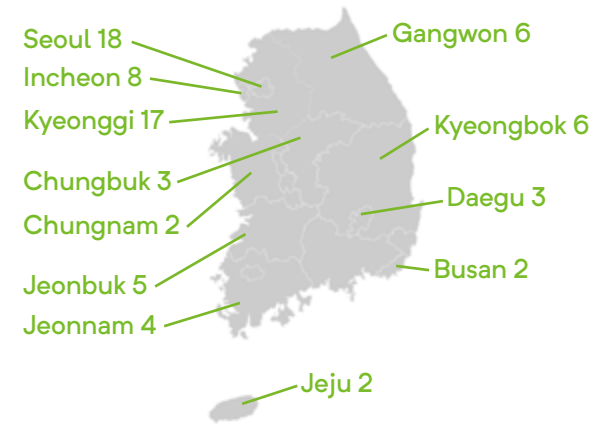
- Exposed the realities of factory farms and filed a constitutional appeal for animal welfare

- Proposed small-business friendly amendments on policy to promote food processing industry

# Members of the party



# The number of active meetings by region



# Special Committees



Nuclear Phaseout



Agriculture & Food safety



Feminism & Gender Equality



Rights of Minorities, the Disabled, and Immigrants



Basic Income